

23 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Nomination of Personnel for Director or Deputy Director,  
NSA Center, SEATO

1. As instructed by Mr. Wisner, I contacted Mr. Bell and Mr. Galloway of the State Department on 20 January 1956 and discussed with them the qualifications required for the person to be nominated by the U. S. for the position of either Director or Deputy Director of the SEATO NSA Center.
2. It was agreed that an Asiatic Director was preferable but if the Asiatic countries could not produce a suitable candidate, that the U. S. should press for position of Director, in preference, particularly, to a United Kingdom or French nominee.
3. If an Asiatic Director were produced, the U. S. would press for the position of Deputy Director.
4. I explained to Mr. Bell and Mr. Galloway the CIA position that the nominee for Deputy Director should be a senior person of considerable prestige and experience and one who had had no previous connection with CIA and, particularly, the Clandestine Services. I requested that they endeavor to produce such a nominee through their sources. They expressed agreement on this concept and advised that they would take the matter under consideration.
5. The name of Mr. [redacted] was brought up by the <sup>State</sup> ~~State~~ Representatives and I remarked that his name had also been mentioned as a prospect in CIA. It was generally agreed that he possessed all the necessary requirements including apparent intentions of retiring from the Department in the very near future, [redacted]  
[redacted] The ~~State~~ Representatives advised that they would search about for other possible nominees also.

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[REDACTED] I also stated that CIA would be prepared to provide external support to any U. S. Director or Deputy Director in order to assist in establishment and expansion of the Center.

7. It was agreed that the USIA nominee, Mr. Scott, who was suitable for nomination by the United States as a Research-Analyst be not considered for either of the two Senior positions.

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